

## MR. HAVEMEYER GOES FREE

### JUSTICE BRADLEY ORDERS A VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL

After Reviewing the Testimony Before the Senate Committee the Justice Held That He Was in Contempt—Searles' Case on To-Day.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Justice Bradley in the District Supreme Court today dismissed the indictment against Mr. J. H. Havemeyer of the American Sugar Refining Company for contempt of court for his refusal to answer a certain question put to him in the committee of the Senate investigating the sugar scandal.

The third day's proceedings opened promptly at 11 o'clock. District Attorney Davis began his reply to the motion made yesterday by Mr. Johnson for the defense, that the Court instruct the jury to return a verdict for the defense. Mr. Davis dealt first with the second point made by the defense, that it was not the duty of Mr. Havemeyer to examine the books of the company to procure data for the committee. He held that as Mr. Havemeyer was not a member of the committee going to the books and getting the data required, his mouth was closed from now on his refusal to answer on the allegation that it was not his duty to go to the books. He then took up the fourth point of defense, that the question was too broad. This, said he, came from the committee's refusal to answer the question to pieces and refused to answer certain parts of it. He attempted to show that the contributions to the local campaign funds had a most important bearing on the matter which was being investigated by the committee, that the election of Senators might be influenced by such contributions, and that was the point which the Senate strove to reach. As to the fifth point, he held that the defendant should have inquired had any doubt that the question was one of the committee and not of an individual member. Mr. Davis then referred to the first point of defense, which he considered the most important of all—the fact that the most important points which have ever been raised in the courts—namely, that the Senate had not the right to inquire as to contributions made to State and local campaign committees. He held that, in connection with the grave matter of the election of Senators, the committee had the right to inquire as to contributions made to State and local campaign committees. He held that, in connection with the grave matter of the election of Senators, the committee had the right to inquire as to contributions made to State and local campaign committees. He held that, in connection with the grave matter of the election of Senators, the committee had the right to inquire as to contributions made to State and local campaign committees.

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## SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

### It Was Felt in Montreal and Pittsburgh and as Far South as Fort Edward.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., May 27.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt at 10:15 to-night. It lasted fully twenty seconds. It was severe in Montreal and was felt as far south as Fort Edward. It was the worst shock ever experienced here.

## BATCH OF DUPED SENATORS

### LED BY MULLIN AND PAYE AGAINST BLACK AND PAYE.

Then Left in the Lurch After Paye's Confirmation—Senator White of Syracuse, All of Whose Bills Are Dead, Was One Victim—Maybe Wiseman and Brush Know Others.

Gov. Black has been criticised in certain parts of the State because he is not allowed to die as he voted certain bills in which Republican Senators were interested who voted against the confirmation of Louis F. Paye to be Superintendent of Insurance. It was not apparent to Republicans hereabouts yesterday that Gov. Black had adopted any preconceived course concerning the legislation in which these Senators were interested, but whether he had or not, the Republicans declared that they admired Gov. Black's spirit. The assaults on Mr. Paye before his confirmation by the Senate were made by anti-organization Republicans and Mugwumps. It was declared, and were entirely of a personal character. From the hour Mr. Paye was confirmed the same class and all anti-organization men and others have declared that Mr. Paye has made a first-rate Superintendent of Insurance. Testimony was forthcoming yesterday that business with the Insurance Department at Albany under Mr. Paye had been conducted with great celerity and thoroughness than for the last few years.

## TROOPS TO CHECK RAIDERS.

### Gov. Bradley Sends a Company to Keep the Peace at a Tollgate Trail.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 27.—There was great excitement here this afternoon when it became known that Gov. Bradley had ordered the Lexington Company, State Guard, Capt. Fred Wilson, to report at the army at 7 o'clock to-night ready to go to Owensville, where turnpike raiders threaten to burn the town. Forty-five soldiers left on the C. and O. express at 8:30 and arrived at Owensville about 11 o'clock.

## HILL, BRYAN, AND OTHERS.

### EX-SENATOR NOT FOR REAFFIRMING THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

Danforth Says the Party Stands on That Plank Form Enfil 1900 Answer—So Where's the Need of Reaffirming It—State Committee, He Says, Won't Meddle with John C. Sheehan.

Ex-Senator Hill arrived at the Hotel Normandy from Eliza yesterday. He will return to Albany to-day if possible. He met a number of his friends, and when asked about the probable attitude of the State Committee on the question whether or not the Chicago national platform of 1896, reaffirmed by the Buffalo Convention, should be endorsed this year, he said that the committee would undoubtedly follow the precedent laid down last year in the State Convention just prior to the Chicago National Convention, which did not reaffirm the national platform of 1892.

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